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SUBJECT: UCR CHALLENGES FEDERAL INTERVENTOR IN CORDOBA

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1. ON MAY 1, THE CONTROVERSIAL FEDERAL INTERVENTOR IN CORDOBA, RAUL LACABANNE, GAVE A REPORT TO THE CORDOBA LEGISLATURE IN WHICH HE PROPOSED A NEW POLITICAL STRUCTURE FOR THE PROVINCE. LACABANNE REFERRED REPEATEDLY TO "THE ORGANIZED COMMUNITY" AND SUGGESTED THAT THE PROVINCE SHOULD BE DIVIDED INTO EIGHT ZONES, EACH WITH FUNCTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO WOULD SERVE AS THE PEOPLE'S "CONDUITS" TO THE CENTRAL POLITICAL POWER IN THE PROVINCE. LACABANNE STATED THAT THE PERONIST MOVEMENT RECOGNIZED LABOR AS ITS CENTRAL CORE. POLITICIANS, HE SAID, COULD NOT REPRESENT THEMSELVES; MUCH LESS ANY OTHER MOVEMENT OR ENTITY WHICH WAS NOT A "VITAL FORCE IN THE LIFE OF THE PROVINCE."

2. ARMANDO CASAS NOBLEGA, THE PERONIST PARTY INTERVENTOR IN CORDOBA (AND AN INTIMATE OF INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA) INDICATED HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH LACABANNE'S IDEA-- BUT NO ONE PAYS ANY ATTENTION THESE DAYS TO CASAS NOBLEGA.

3. THE UCR MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE WERE OUT-
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RAGED BY LACABANNE'S PLAN, AND IMMEDIATELY DENOUNCED IT

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AS A "CORPORATIST PLOT." UCR BLOC IN NATIONAL CONGRESS HAS NOW COMPLAINED AND HAS DEMANDED THAT LACABANNE BE INTERPOLATED BY CONGRESS. GIVEN THAT LATTER IS PROTECTED BY LOPEZ REGA, HOWEVER, AND THAT LOPEZ REGA IS NOW CLEARLY IN DRIVER'S SEAT, THERE IS VERY LITTLE CHANCE THAT LACABANNE WILL EVER BE BROUGHT BEFORE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

4. COMMENT. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, ROCAMORA WANTED TO GET RID OF LACABANNE. THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO SO, AND THAT HIS OWN REPRESENTATIVE IN CORDOBA, CASAS NOBLEGA, IS NOW VIRTUALLY IGNORED BY ALL, IS ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION THAT LOPEZ REGA HAS WON THE POWER STRUGGLE AND THAT HIS MEN, SUCH AS LACABANNE, NOW HOLD THE WINNING CARDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE UCR MAY DEMAND TO INTERPOLATE LACABANNE ALL IT WISHES. THE PRACTICAL RESULTS WILL PROBABLY BE ZERO.
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